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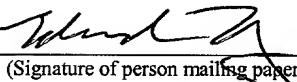
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, add the following:

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--This is a continuation of copending International Application PCT/GB01/01466

having an international filing date of 30 March 2001.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, in which the media items include audio and video items.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, comprising means for associating a material identifying code with each media item for electronic distribution.

9. (Amended) A system according to claim 7, in which the media items include audio and video media items.

10. (Amended) A system according to claim 7, comprising means for associating a material identifying code with each generated media item, the material identifying code being mapped, in the data repository, to the copyright and/or ownership metadata.

15. (Amended) Computer software comprising program code for carrying out a method according to claim 12.

Cancel claims 14 and 17.

Add the following new claims:

--18. (New) Computer software comprising program code for carrying out the method of claim 13.--

--19. (New) A medium by which the software of claim 18 is stored or transmitted.--

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 15 have been amended and claims 18 and 19 have been added to correct multiple claim dependencies. The attached is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**" and indicates the changes that have been made to claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 15.

This amendment is also made to provide proper reference to the International application of which this is a continuation. See MPEP § 1895.01.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

3. A system according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which the media items include audio and video items.

4. A system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising means for associating a material identifying code with each media item for electronic distribution.

9. A system according to claim 7 ~~or claim 8~~, in which the media items include audio and video media items.

10. A system according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 9~~ claim 7, comprising means for associating a material identifying code with each generated media item, the material identifying code being mapped, in the data repository, to the copyright and/or ownership metadata.

15. Computer software comprising program code for carrying out a method according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 14~~ claim 12.

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